

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Oil wiping ring (10) for pistons of internal combustion engines, having a closed working surface (13) that rests against the cylinder wall, as well as an upper and lower ring wall (11a, 11c) that run parallel to one another, between which a radial recess (12a) for accommodating a screw-shaped spring (M), which recess runs over the circumference, is disposed in the center of the ring back (12), whereby the ring walls (11a, 11c) have face surfaces (12b, 12c) on the circumference side that are wave-shaped following a sine function towards the ring back (12), wherein the wave-shaped face surfaces (12b, 12c) of the upper and lower ring wall follow a sine function are phase-shifted relative to one another and have a wave amplitude that corresponds to at least half the diameter of the screw-shaped spring.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): Oil wiping ring for pistons of internal combustion engines according to claim 1, wherein the

phase shift amounts to 170° to 190° , preferably 180° .

Claim 3: Canceled.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): Oil wiping ring for pistons of internal combustion engines according to claim 1, wherein the face surfaces (12b, 12c) of the upper and lower ring wall (11a, 11c) have a number of waves of 20 to 50 on the circumference.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): Oil wiping ring for pistons of internal combustion engines according to claim 4, wherein the number of waves of the face surfaces (12b, 12c) of upper and lower ring wall is the same.

Claim 6: Canceled.